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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
CLAUDE LE DANTEC ) : Examiner: Not Yet Known  
Application No.: NYK ) : Group Art Unit: NYK  
Filed: Herewith ) :  
For: DIGITAL FORMAT )  
COMPRESSION METHOD :  
AND DEVICE, AND )  
DECOMPRESSION METHOD : November 8, 1999  
AND DEVICE )

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claims 47-52 without prejudice and without  
disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend Claims 5, 7-14, 19, 20, 30, and 32-40  
as follows: